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Subject: Request for Resource Advisor Subject Matter Experts **DD: 11/04/02**

The Resource Advisor position on wildland fire incidents is a key link between the Agency Administrator and the Incident Management Team. Resource Advisor's have two primary responsibilities. Identify and evaluate potential impacts of fire operations on natural and cultural resources as well as to integrate resource concerns and mitigation measures into Incident Action Plans on a daily basis on BLM lands. As critical as this position is, there is currently no established training course for this position and no Position Task Book for evaluating a person's performance in the position as a trainee. There is, however, an outdated publication containing guidelines for the position, which is not current with today's standards. This publication is the Resource Advisor's Guide For Wildland Fire, PMS 313, NFES 1831.

The BLM Training Unit at NIFC is requesting support from Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for the revision of the Resource Advisor's Guide For Wildland Fire. This is an NWCG product, but the BLM Training Unit at NIFC will be carrying out the project. SMEs from the field are essential for the completion of high quality and meaningful products. This revision process may take up to one year to complete; however the time commitment for the SMEs will total approximately three weeks. During this process, we also intend to focus the group on issues related to training for the Resource Advisor position as well as a Position Task Book.

The BLM Training Unit will cover travel and per diem expenses incurred by the SMEs. If you know of a person(s) who may be interested or willing to work on this project, please contact Alan Olson, Project Leader by November 4, 2002. Alan can be reached at 208-387-5308 or al_olson@nifc.blm.gov.

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